

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 1, 3-5, 14-15, 34-40, 43-44, and 53-69 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 68 and 69 being added herein. Claims 1 and 67 are amended herein per 37 CFR §1.802. These amendments introduce no new matter, are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record. The deposit numbers will be provided as soon as they are available. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

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Attachments:

- 1) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- 2) A transmittal sheet;
- 3) A fee transmittal sheet; and,
- 4) A receipt indication postcard.